

THE PRESS FORUM

Mankato (Kas.) Advocate: What's the matter with General Miles? He tells the truth, that's what's the matter with Miles.

Aurora (Neb.) Register: If the republicans think so much of Grover Cleveland, why on earth don't they nominate him themselves.

Scottsburg (Ind.) Journal: The republicans have changed the tariff forty-eight times in forty-two years. They are opposed to "tariff tinkering," too.

Scribner (Neb.) News: It is noticeable that Grover Cleveland's boom for the democratic presidential nomination is almost entirely confined to republican newspapers.

Preston (Minn.) Republican: The money question is not dead. It will become the leading issue upon which a patriotic president is to be elected when the people determine to turn the rascals out.

Fremont (Neb.) Leader: Of course Russia has as much right to hold to a "stay put" policy for the Russian flag as this country has for its flag. Since we entered upon this colonial business we have lost the right to do very much protesting in the name of "justice" and "humanity."

York (Neb.) Democrat: The true democrats should ignore Cleveland, Hill and all such demo-republicans, and carefully choose a man for presidential candidate in whom they have full and unqualified faith. Let the reorganizers go to the republican party, and then pity the republicans.

Frankfort (Ind.) Standard: What, then, is the purpose of the men who are at the bottom of the scheme to hang this Cleveland weight about the neck of democracy? Is there any man so dull-witted as to not be able to see that only the enemies of real democracy are desirous of such a monstrous outrage?

Painesville (O.) Herald: It is only because we have a system that permits a few to monopolize the good things of life that we have so much ignorance, poverty and crime. Give every workman the product of his toil and he will give his children every possible educational advantage—ignorance will then disappear and crime and poverty will have no place in human life.

Shelbyville (Ill.) Leader: Every two-by-four republican sheet in the country, including the Shelbyville Union, is predicting the nomination of Grover Cleveland for the presidency. The wish is father of the thought; for the republicans realize that their defeat is certain in the next election, and they are anxious to have Cleveland on the democratic ticket so that they will have republican rule, even though the republican nominee is beaten.

Papillon (Neb.) Times: The republican press, as well as the bolting democratic press, is urging Grover Cleveland forward as the next democratic candidate for president. So far they have succeeded in creating a considerable amount of discussion, but very little enthusiasm. At the dedication of the St. Louis exposition Grover seemed to divide honors with President Roosevelt, but it was a tribute to the ex-president and not to Grover Cleveland. It is true he would be very acceptable to the bolting democrats of the east, and would receive the support of corporate interests. But, better go down to defeat with a standard-bearer who represents true democracy and the interests of the people, than to win a victory with Grover Cleveland as standard-bearer.



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Special Dispatch to The Inter Ocean.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—The Sultan of Sulu contends that no truly great man ever was without flowing whiskers. Governor Taft and the other members of the Philippine commission were informed that the Sultan had obtained the impression that all great Americans wore flowing beards from the fact that the two military commanders in the island, Major Thompson of the Twenty-Fourth infantry and Major Sweet of the Twenty-Third infantry, had each a face adorned with a plentiful supply of long and silky hair.

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Eureka (Ill.) Democrat-Journal: By the way, why wouldn't a little of the "publicity" of which the administration thinks so much be a good thing on the conditions in the Philippines?

Minden (Neb.) Courier: He (Cleveland) can not expect to ever be president again; that is beyond the pale of a forlorn hope, and the only rational motive that can be assigned is to either bring democracy under the control of the corporations or make it easy for another republican victory.

Union (W. Va.) Watchman: The serious attempt of eastern politicians to work up a fourth presidential nomination by the democratic party for ex-President Grover Cleveland is fit only to be described as fatuous folly. With all deference, the annals of politics can furnish no example of a candidacy more supremely hopeless. Mr. Cleveland and his followers must be blind indeed if they cannot see this. A symptom was the poll on May 9 of the democratic national committee, only three of whom favored his nomination. Seventeen were opposed and eight non-committal.

Fremont (Neb.) Leader: Perhaps

President Roosevelt is trying to put salt on the tails of the trusts.

O'Neill (Neb.) Independent: A democratic club in every voting precinct for the preservation and triumph of democratic principles will prevent a repetition of the party's betrayal in 1894-95, and will insure the success of democratic principles at no distant date.

York (Neb.) Democrat: Republican papers are urgently insisting that Grover Cleveland is the only man the democrats can elect to the presidential chair. Well, if the republicans are bound to have Cleveland nominated by the democratic party perhaps they will sanction the nomination of Mark Hanna as his running mate, and should they be elected we would have a pair to open any trust jack-pot.

Upper Sandusky (O.) Chief: Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Charles Foster, one of the "has-been" republican politicians of the country, is for Grover Cleveland for the democratic nomination for president. Several years ago, it will be remembered, Foster had the plates ready to print some

bonds, but was put out of office by the Cleveland administration before his pleasant duty was performed for Wall street. The new administration, however, carried out Foster's intentions, and that we presume is why Foster is so enthusiastic for Cleveland.

Fairfield (Ill.) Sun: The St. Louis Globe-Democrat and Chicago Record-Herald are devoting much space to running Grover Cleveland for president on the democratic ticket. If the republicans are so anxious to have Grover run again, they ought to nominate him themselves.

Milbank (S. Dak.) Review: The "down east" wing of the democratic party—the wing which twice assisted in electing a republican president, is vigorously booming Grover Cleveland for a third term, and shouting harmony with a big H. Grover himself has emerged from the quiet and retired life which he has been leading for several years and is blandly exhibiting himself in public and thereby lending a semblance of encouragement to his boomers. Grover might as well saw off short. He can never again be elected president by democratic votes.